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[REDACTED] Editor
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RE: FOIA Request for Records and Information
Contracts between FCPS and Lobbyists from 1/1/04 - Present

Dear [REDACTED]

In your email dated November 2, 2009, you requested the following information:

- Contracts between the school system and all lobbyists, lobbying organizations, and lobbying firms; additionally, any documentation of relationships with individuals or groups that advocate on behalf of or representing the school district or school board

Response: No documents exist in response to this request.

- Disclosure of membership to any lobbying organizations (for example, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education)

Response: The Maryland Public Information Act governs documents versus disclosures. However, based on your overall requests, I can provide the following information regarding memberships as a result of payment of dues records.

The Board has memberships in the following organizations:

- National School Boards Association
- Maryland Association of Boards of Education
- Maryland Negotiating Service
- Legal Services Association

One board member has membership in the National Black Caucus of School Board members.

- Check register data for all payouts, checks, or other disbursements to those lobbyist(s)

Response: The documents related to dues for the above-listed organizations are attached.

- Copies of invitations to any and all legislative receptions that have been sponsored, funded or otherwise underwritten in whole or in part by the school system, along with a breakdown of costs incurred for those receptions

Response: (see attached)

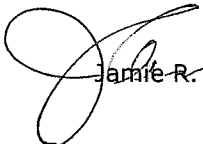
- All e-mail and/or other written correspondence between the school system and the lobbyist(s), and between the members of the school board and those lobbyist(s)

Response: An estimate of \$540.00 is based on approximately 20 hours of staff time to search and review correspondence and emails related to this request. We would require 50% of the cost be paid up front. The balance would be due upon completion of the task. Please forward a check or money order made payable to Frederick County Public Schools to my attention, in the amount of \$270.00 and we will proceed accordingly upon receipt.

As indicated in our letter to you of November 3, 2009, the law allows us to charge a reasonable fee for copying the information requested. Our policy is to provide the first five pages for no charge, with \$.20 per page charged beyond the fifth page.

If you should have any questions, you are welcome to contact my paralegal, Monique Wilson, at 301-696-6859.

Sincerely,


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Attachments